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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY U.S. DELEGATION ON BOGOTA REPORT

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS READ BY THE USDEL AMB. WHITE
AS STATEMENT OF U.S. VIEWS ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AT BOGOTA, COLOMBIA,
MARCH 11-15, 1975, AND WAS MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL
RECORD OF COMMITTEE I:

QUOTE:

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FOUND PART I OF THE REPORT,
"THE APPRAISAL OF DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICAN AND THE
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION," A VALUABLE ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNAL
AND EXTERNAL SOURCES OF STRENGTH WHICH STIMULATED ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL GROWTH IN LATIN AMERICA DURING THE FIRST PART
OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, AND OF THOSE INTERNAL
AND EXTERNAL ELEMENTS WHICH IMPEDED GROWTH.

PART II, SECTION A, WHICH DEALS WITH "INTERNATIONAL
ACTION" UNDER THE "PLAN OF ACTION" PRESENTS THE U.S. DELEGATION
WITH SUCH FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT WE MUST RECORD OUR DISSENT.

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SUBSTANTIVE TREATMENT OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS TO

SOME OF THE LANGUAGE USED TO DESCRIBE THE UNDERLYING SITUATION. THEY STEM FROM THE SPECIFIC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS, THE BACKGROUND RATIONALE, AND THE TONE CAUSED BY THE DOCUMENT'S FAILURE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS, ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHERE WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES TOWARD MEETING THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE U.S. DELEGATION STATED MANY OF THESE OBJECTIONS, AS WELL AS ITS OVERALL APPROACH TO THE ISSUES, IN OUR STATEMENT IN PLENARY AND IN THE DEBATE IN COMMITTEE I.

THE DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS COULD HAVE BEEN MITIGATED HAD A UNITED STATES EXPERT BEEN PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AT BOGOTA. IN OUR VIEW, EXPERIENCE WITH THE APPRAISAL PROCESS IN ECLA UNDERLINES THE POINT WE EXPRESSED AT THE TIME THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS WAS ESTABLISHED: THAT SINCE ECLA FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD REFLECT THE VIEWS OF ALL ITS MEMBERS, ALL SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPORTANT DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE U.S. DELEGATION WISHES TO STRESS ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH STIMULATED THE RECOMMENDATIONS. MOST OF THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS, HOWEVER, REPRESENT NOT A CONSENSUS OF ALL ECLA MEMBERS BUT RATHER THE PROPOSALS OF SOME. U.S. VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED FREQUENTLY BOTH IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN OTHER FORUMS. THE ISSUES ARE COMPLEX, SOME OF OUR DIFFERENCES DEEP. THEY ARE PROPER SUBJECTS FOR THE GIVE AND TAKE OF DETAILED AND INTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION. INDEED SUCH DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS ON MANY OF THE ISSUES IN QUESTION, NAMELY PRIMARY COMMODITIES, TRADE IN MANUFACTURES AND AGRICULTURE, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES.

IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE WILL BE VERY MUCH AWARE OF LATIN AMERICAN CONCERNS AND ASPIRATIONS, INCLUDING THE EXPRESSIONS OF THEM THAT WE HAVE HEARD THIS WEEK.
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IT IS OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL SUCCEED IN NARROWING DIFFERENCES AND ENABLE US TO MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER TO CONCRETE ACTIONS IN THE COMMON INTEREST. IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS IS THE WAY THAT PROGRESS WILL BE MADE.

PART II, SECTION B, WHICH DEALS WITH "REGIONAL ACTION" UNDER THE "PLAN OF ACTION", IS, LIKE PART I, AND IMPORTANT

CONTRIBUTION. ITS IMPLEMENTATION IS BASICALLY IN THE HANDS
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WITH WHOM THE UNITED STATES
WILL COOPERATE AS DESIRED AND FEASIBLE.

FINALLY, THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS RESERVATIONS ON THE
COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE WORK PROGRAM
IN SECTION III. WE WILL COMMENT ON THE WORK PROGRAM ITSELF
WHEN THAT ITEM IS TAKEN UP IN COMMITTEE II. UNQUOTE.
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